

## Historical Marion Co. Bar Admissions, Girls' School Indexes Now Available Online

INDIANAPOLIS (February 14, 2011) – The national-renowned [Indiana Digital Archives](#) has added more resources available for historians, researchers and anyone else interested in our state's heritage. Two new databases, the Marion County Bar Admissions (1822-1980) and the Indiana Girls' School Database (1873-1935), are now accessible online and provide a detailed index of Indiana State Archives' holdings.

The Marion County Bar Admissions database includes a list of over 8,700 attorneys admitted to practice law in the courts of Marion County between September 1822 and early 1980. The database includes those who were admitted to practice on the opening day of the Marion County Circuit Court, September 26, 1822, such as Indiana governors Calvin Fletcher and James Whitcomb as well as United States senators James Noble and Oliver H. Smith.

Persons interested in copies of bar admissions recorded in Marion County court order books before 1932 should contact the Marion County Circuit Court Clerk, Microfilm Archive, B-31 City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204, either by telephone at (317) 327-4962, or online at <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/County/Clerk/Pages/home.aspx>.

In addition to the Bar Admissions, the Indiana State Archives has added the names of 4,722 Indiana Girls' School inmates to the Digital Archives. This index offers vital information on young female prisoners at the Indiana Girls' School beginning on September 12, 1873. Originally housed with adult female offenders at the Reform School for Girls and Women's Prison in Indianapolis, a separate institution was created in 1899 and known as the Indiana Industrial School for Girls. The facility was renamed the Indiana Girls' School in 1907 and moved to a new campus at Clermont in Marion County.

The available index of admissions is complete through 1935. Names of juvenile females admitted between 1936 and 1984 are not online for reasons of confidentiality. Researchers can contact the Indiana State Archives at [arc@icpr.in.gov](mailto:arc@icpr.in.gov) to determine if a record exists for girls admitted after 1935.

Indexed records may include the girl's name, age, the county from which she was committed, dates of admission and discharge, and other information. There is additional information available on many of the inmates at the Indiana State Archives, including commitment papers, inmate packets, personal letters, and other paperwork. Photographs may be available of many of the early inmates, offering a thrilling reward for descendants finally able to see a grandparent or great-grandparent for the first time.

Researchers can browse through these indexes and many other popular Indiana State Archives collections through the Indiana Digital Archives. [Friends of the Indiana State Archives](#) volunteers have been hard at work for more nearly two decades creating indexes for many of the state's records. From before statehood in 1816 and on through to its approaching bicentennial, Indiana has been home to thousands of settlers and immigrants. The Digital Archives enables Hoosiers and citizens worldwide to browse the vast collection historical and vital records housed at the State Archives.

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